

another printing apparatus in accordance with the status recognized by said recognition means, determining whether the other printing apparatus which prints pages preceding to the distributed job assigned to the

5 printing apparatus produces a face-down output,

wherein if said determination means renders an affirmative decision, then said decision means assigns at least the part of the distributed job supposed to be printed by the printing apparatus to the other printing  
10 apparatus that prints the preceding pages.

13. The information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein if the distributed job includes the first page of the print job prior to its division, then  
15 said determination means performs determination on a printing apparatus that prints a distributed job including the final page of the print job instead of the printing apparatus that prints the preceding pages.

20 14. The information processing apparatus according to claim 2 further comprising determination means for, in a case of assigning at least the part of the distributed job supposed to be printed by the printing apparatus to another printing apparatus in accordance with the status  
25 recognized by said recognition means, determining whether the other printing apparatus which prints pages

following the distributed job assigned to the printing apparatus produces a face-up output,

wherein if said determination means renders an affirmative decision, then said decision means assigns  
5 at least the part of the distributed jobs supposed to be printed by the printing apparatus to the other printing apparatus that prints the following pages.

15. The information processing apparatus according to  
10 claim 14, wherein if the distributed job includes the final page of the print job prior to its division, then said determination means performs determination on a printing apparatus that prints a distributed job including the first page of the print job instead of the  
15 printing apparatus that prints the following pages.

16. The information processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said reassignment means assigns all the distributed job supposed to be performed by the printing  
20 apparatus to another printing apparatus.

17. The information processing apparatus according to claim 4 further comprising a unit for detecting a page or pages which have been printed by the printing  
25 apparatus,

wherein said reassignment means reassigns the distributed job supposed to be performed by the printing

apparatus except the page or pages which have been printed by said printing apparatus to another printing apparatus.

5 18. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the status is an abnormal state in the printing apparatus, and the abnormal state includes at least either of depletion of paper and power off state.

10 19. A printing system for performing printing by controlling a plurality of printing apparatuses comprising:

recognition means for recognizing a status of a printing apparatus among said plurality of printing

15 apparatuses; and

decision means for, in a case of assigning at least a part of a print job which is assumed to be printed by the printing apparatus to another printing apparatus in accordance with the status recognized by said

20 recognition means, deciding the other printing apparatus in accordance with a paper ejection type of the other printing apparatus.

20. A control method comprising:

25 a recognition step of recognizing a status of a printing apparatus; and